

## Capital Expenditure Committee

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 6:30 PM  
Virtual Meeting

### Members in attendance:

Tony Battaglia	John Carbone
Mary Ellen Carter	Tom Rowan
Stephen Steele	Dave McClung
Brad Morrison (arrived after roll)	

### Members not in attendance:

William Moonan	Keith MacDonald
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### Other Attendees:

Amy Fidalgo – Assistant Town Manager

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM, noting that a quorum was present.

### 1. Remote Meetings Guidelines

Mary Ellen Carter provided a procedural overview of the guidelines for remote meetings in keeping with pronouncements made by Governor Charlie Baker on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of 2020. Attendance was then taken by roll call.

### 2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes (as submitted) for November 3, 2021, November 17, 2021 and December 20, 2021 was made by Tony Battaglia and seconded by John Carbone. Approved with a vote of 5-0-0.

### 3. FY23 Warrant Recommendations

Mary Ellen Carter began by reviewing the last meeting: Articles 8, 9 and 10 were approved for the Town Warrant, but Article 7 was not voted on due to at least some of the items having an expected life of 3 years, and it was the Committees understanding that bonded capital items should have an expected life of at least 5 years. Since that meeting, The Select Board and Finance Committee have approved Article 7, and now the Committee must make vote for its recommendation. Since the Warrant has already been sent to the printers, this recommendation will be made at Town Meeting. There was a brief discussion about the policy and the Select Board's and Finance Committee's approval of the article.

Tony Battaglia made a motion to approve Article 7, which was seconded by Dave McClung. Motion approved by a vote of 6-0-0

### 4. Acknowledgement of Departing Members

In acknowledgment of William Moonan stepping down from the Committee, Mary Ellen Carter made the following comments:

*After serving with Bill on the Committee for 9 years, he did a very good job at serving the interests of the taxpayers. He constantly reminded the Committee that it didn't matter how a*

*project was funded, it's still coming out of the taxpayer's pocket, whether it's the left pocket or the right pocket. His knowledge of policies and procedures really helped the Committee when it was stuck on how to proceed; he would often offer an alternative based on his extensive knowledge of how things operated that let the Committee move forward. The Committee made better decisions because of his involvement.*

*On a personal level, he was a great mentor to me when I was new to the Committee. He was very encouraging and patient in answering questions. In my second year when I was Chair of the Committee, he was very generous with his time and helping me prepare for presenting at Town Meeting. I am very grateful for all he did for me.*

Tony Battaglia echoed her comments and added:

*Bill has been solid and really a stalwart for the Committee. He was able to straighten areas out of confusion for the Committee when things didn't make sense and he made sense out of it. I am very appreciative of that.*

## **5. Final Comments**

There was a quick review of what to expect at Town Meeting.

## **6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Tony Battaglia and seconded by Brad Morrison. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0. Mary Ellen Carter then thanked the members of the Committee for their time, attention and willingness to serve this year and especially thanked Amy Fidalgo for all her guidance, organization and help.

## **7. Documents & Exhibits Used**

- Capital Expenditure Committee Agenda for 3/9/2022

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David McClung, Clerk.